

Remediation and Redevelopment **Division**

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The Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD) administers programs that drive the cleanup and redevelopment of environmental sites of contamination in Michigan.

Overview of Environmental Protection Legislation

The RRD administers Part 201, Environmental Remediation; Part 213, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks; and portions of Part 215, Refined Petroleum Fund, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). In addition, the RRD manages portions of the federal Superfund program, established under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Together, these four statutes and the related administrative rules guide the RRD's efforts in the remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout Michigan. The RRD oversees regulated party cleanups, addresses public health and environmental threats at sites of environmental contamination, and facilitates brownfield redevelopment. The RRD also administers the Qualified Underground Storage Tank Consultant and Certified Underground Storage Tank Professional QC/CP Program under Part 215 and the QC/CP rules. Corrective action cleanups required at Part 213 sites must be carried out by a state-certified QC/CP. Further, the RRD coordinates DEQ implementation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, 1996 PA 381, as amended. Act 381 provides a method to finance environmental response activities at brownfield sites through tax increment financing. The RRD manages the Temporary Reimbursement Program for the benefit of certain owners/operators of leaking underground storage tanks.

Information, Education and Outreach

RRD Internet Access: Find information, guidance, and publications at the RRD home page www.michigan.gov/degrrd.

RRD also maintains databases or "lists" of Michigan contaminated sites identified under Part 201, Part 213, and Superfund.

Public Meetings: Public meetings and comment periods involving the RRD cleanup proposals or actions at brownfield sites are posted in the bi-weekly DEQ Calendar; periodic trainings and workshops hosted by the RRD are also included. To access the calendar electronically, go to the DEQ Calendar home page www.michigan.gov/deqcalendar, or call 517-335-3153 to be placed on the calendar mailing list.

Pollution Emergency Alerting System (PEAS) Hotline: When immediate response to an environmental problem is needed, RRD provides citizens a toll-free, 24-hour telephone hotline: 800-292-4706. Call this number to report environmental emergencies such as leaking drums/tanks, truck/tanker/rail car spills, chemical fires, and other related incidents.

Programs

Part 201 and Part 213: Michigan's environmental cleanup and redevelopment program has been recognized as one of the best in the nation, as measured by its innovative liability system, land-use based cleanup standards, financial incentives, and government support. Michigan's environmental cleanup laws – Part 201 and Part 213 – drive the protection of public health, safety, welfare, and the environment through: (1) Regulated party cleanups: overseeing and providing information to support cleanup of contaminated sites by parties responsible for causing contamination, initiating enforcement action when voluntary compliance cannot be achieved, and recovering state cleanup funds from liable parties. (2) State-funded actions: providing funding and oversight of state contractor actions to address sites that pose a risk to the public



health or environment. Activities include providing alternative drinking water supplies, conducting groundwater/soil investigations and remediation, and removal of underground storage tanks and other hazardous substance containers. (3) <u>Preparing sites for redevelopment</u>: providing actions to remediate contaminated sites to a level that allows the property to be redeveloped. Activities include overseeing contractors who conduct various demolition and cleanup activities, reviewing <u>Baseline Environmental Assessments</u> (BEAs) and Due Care work plans, and developing legal agreements that foster redevelopment and protect new owners and operators from liability for past releases they did not cause.

The RRD has staff and equipment for conducting hydrogeological and geophysical investigations, soil and groundwater sampling, groundwater modeling, and monitor well installation. These investigations assist in identifying parties who are liable for contamination and in assessing risks posed by groundwater contamination plumes or other suspected sources. In addition, specialized staff develop soil and groundwater cleanup criteria and evaluate risk assessments.

Part 215 (QC/CP Program): The RRD administers the Qualified Underground Storage Tank Consultant and Certified Underground Storage Tank Professional (QC/CP) Program under Part 215 of the NREPA and the QC/CP Rules. Corrective cleanup actions required at Part 213 (leaking underground storage tank) sites must be carried out by a state-certified QC/CP. The Qualified Underground Storage Tank Consultants (QC) List is available from the RRD home page listed on the previous page.

Superfund Program: Some of the state's and nation's most serious and costly contaminated sites are placed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) <u>National Priority List</u>. Lansing-based RRD staff manage portions of the federal Superfund Program, including: determining whether actions at Superfund sites comply with state environmental regulations, carrying out brownfield site assessment activities that help local units of government assess redevelopment concerns at properties in their communities, performing specialized site sampling, and coordinating with the U.S. EPA Region 5 office in Chicago. Superfund staff also manage the toll-free PEAS Hotline: 800-292-4706.

Financial Assistance

Act 381 and Brownfield Redevelopment: The RRD coordinates DEQ implementation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, 1996 PA 381, as amended (Act 381). Act 381 provides a method to finance environmental response activities at brownfield sites through tax increment financing. The RRD provides general assistance to local units of government with creation of brownfield redevelopment authorities, identification of brownfield sites, and development of brownfield plans and work plans. The RRD reviews work plans where state and local school taxes will be captured to cover the costs associated with conducting environmental response activities.

Part 215 – Temporary Reimbursement Program (TRP): The RRD administers the TRP created by Part 215 amendments on July 20, 2006. The TRP is designed to provide financial assistance to certain eligible owners/operators of leaking underground storage tanks who have not completed cleanup since the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance program was terminated in 1995. The maximum reimbursement is \$50,000 per facility with the owner/operator co-pay being 20 percent (up to \$12,500).

Field Operations

RRD District/Field Offices: Field staff located at DEQ offices statewide are involved in all the RRD programs. They are the first line of contact with citizens, the business community, industry, and local units of government for prompt customer service about the Part 201 and Part 213 RRD programs. Questions about Act 381 can also be directed to RRD field staff. The RRD field office locations and phone numbers are listed on the previous page.

Publications

RRD publications and forms are available from the RRD home page, by contacting any of the RRD offices listed on the previous page, or by contacting the DEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278.

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